

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 2008 (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted)

Item	All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)										Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)									
	U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City		Washington-Baltimore (1)		Northeast region		South region		U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City		Washington-Baltimore (1)		Northeast region		South region	
	Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from	
	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007
All items (2)	211.693	4.0	220.935	3.7	-	-	225.213	4.0	205.060	4.6	207.254	4.4	220.718	3.6	-	-	221.702	4.3	202.291	5.0
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	634.139	-	638.269	-	-	-	354.642	-	332.637	-	617.345	-	641.111	-	-	-	346.286	-	327.633	-
Food and beverages (2)	209.462	4.5	200.490	2.8	-	-	213.620	4.3	206.879	5.1	208.674	4.6	203.694	2.8	-	-	212.556	4.3	205.642	5.1
Food (2)	209.166	4.6	200.487	3.0	-	-	213.155	4.3	207.333	5.2	208.317	4.6	203.008	2.9	-	-	212.205	4.3	206.111	5.2
Food at home	208.329	5.1	212.247	2.3	132.457	4.6	212.638	4.3	204.722	5.9	207.242	5.2	213.905	2.4	131.715	4.3	211.338	4.3	203.162	5.8
Food away from home (4)	211.878	3.9	180.282	3.7	-	-	216.767	4.4	213.880	4.3	211.517	3.8	180.453	3.5	-	-	216.630	4.4	212.891	4.2
Alcoholic beverages (4)	212.044	3.7	197.867	1.0	-	-	218.703	4.1	199.558	3.5	212.507	3.9	203.770	0.7	-	-	215.985	4.2	198.278	3.2
Housing (2)	213.026	2.8	228.389	2.7	-	-	238.702	2.9	196.626	3.2	208.268	2.9	229.748	2.3	-	-	234.544	3.0	195.154	3.3
Shelter	244.786	2.9	272.317	2.7	150.348	2.5	282.815	2.6	218.141	3.3	237.158	2.9	276.869	2.5	151.143	2.5	276.295	2.4	216.546	3.4
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	240.325	3.7	252.369	3.6	159.040	3.3	270.372	3.6	216.082	4.0	239.419	3.7	252.369	3.6	159.021	3.3	268.154	3.5	215.289	4.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	250.481	2.6	279.020	2.0	149.546	2.2	291.716	2.0	220.414	3.2	227.057	2.7	248.138	2.0	148.982	2.1	256.616	2.1	205.492	3.3
Fuels and utilities	205.795	5.6	205.522	5.9	-	-	218.616	9.4	202.898	5.2	203.584	5.3	206.704	5.2	-	-	215.723	8.9	201.847	4.7
Household energy	185.994	5.6	189.109	6.1	180.355	25.2	206.252	9.7	176.114	5.1	182.823	5.3	188.618	5.4	174.878	26.6	202.772	9.1	173.466	4.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	187.376	3.4	197.506	2.1	173.436	24.9	201.798	3.5	175.804	4.2	185.324	3.2	199.125	2.1	171.102	26.4	200.424	3.4	174.127	3.7
Electricity (7)	174.606	3.4	186.573	3.0	168.631	32.1	182.637	4.4	164.787	3.8	172.665	3.1	186.572	3.0	165.108	31.5	181.838	4.2	162.859	3.3
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	225.808	3.5	220.659	0.1	170.324	-1.1	235.881	1.8	233.857	5.8	225.943	3.7	220.655	0.1	174.569	-0.8	234.744	1.7	237.331	5.8
Household furnishings and operations	126.753	-0.6	124.017	-1.1	-	-	127.502	-2.4	126.632	0.0	122.547	-0.3	118.585	-2.8	-	-	121.475	-2.0	121.338	0.2
Apparel (2)	117.839	-1.0	99.730	-3.7	-	-	116.215	-1.4	130.159	-1.4	117.883	-0.3	102.542	-1.7	-	-	116.936	0.0	130.459	-1.5
Transportation (2)	190.520	9.0	192.869	10.0	-	-	189.056	9.1	190.041	10.8	190.639	9.9	199.856	11.1	-	-	191.666	9.6	188.683	11.6
Private transportation	186.571	9.2	190.215	10.0	-	-	183.318	9.6	188.773	11.1	187.762	10.1	198.252	11.2	-	-	187.394	10.0	187.431	11.7
Motor fuel	259.242	32.7	267.844	31.9	246.527	34.3	254.137	35.8	261.376	38.7	260.402	32.9	267.826	31.9	246.205	34.3	254.304	35.8	261.504	38.8
Gasoline	257.845	32.7	262.960	31.6	246.394	34.3	252.548	35.7	259.942	38.8	259.112	32.9	262.959	31.6	246.113	34.3	252.822	35.8	260.172	38.9
Medical care (2)	362.155	4.5	416.171	3.5	-	-	385.250	4.4	345.374	4.6	362.329	4.7	404.649	3.7	-	-	382.053	4.5	348.037	4.9
Recreation (6)	112.365	1.1	122.790	5.7	-	-	114.366	1.0	113.511	1.1	109.315	0.8	121.569	5.9	-	-	113.775	1.4	110.335	0.8
Education and communication (6)	121.766	3.2	122.606	3.2	-	-	124.753	4.4	117.936	2.9	118.079	2.8	117.571	3.0	-	-	119.364	3.6	114.144	2.7
Other goods and services (2)	340.191	2.9	380.397	-0.2	-	-	358.666	1.9	329.405	3.2	351.979	3.2	386.665	0.5	-	-	382.966	1.9	339.058	3.6
Energy (2)	219.311	18.9	217.016	16.6	205.270	29.5	226.252	20.2	210.681	21.5	219.983	19.7	215.248	17.2	203.984	30.1	225.218	20.8	211.621	22.3

Footnotes:

- (1) For Washington Baltimore, Dec. 1997=100 unless otherwise noted.
- (2) For Washington-Baltimore, Nov. 1996=100.
- (3) For the Northeast and the South, Dec. 1977=100.
- (4) For Washington-Baltimore, Nov. 1997=100.
- (5) For the CPI-U in the U.S., Philadelphia, Northeast, and South, Dec. 1982 = 100.
- For the CPI-W in these areas, Dec. 1984 = 100.
- (6) Indexes are on the Dec. 1997=100 base.
- (7) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

Area definitions:

The **Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.** area includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland.

The **Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va.** area includes the District of Columbia; Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, and Washington Counties and Baltimore City in Maryland; Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities in Virginia; and Berkeley and Jefferson Counties in West Virginia.

The **Northeast region** includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The **South region** includes the District of Columbia and the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index and percent change, all items, U.S. city average and selected areas 1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)					Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
	Index		Percent change to Feb 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to Feb 2008 from --		
	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008
U.S. city average	211.080	211.693	4.0	0.8	0.3	206.744	207.254	4.4	0.7	0.2
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	208.757	209.526	4.4	1.1	0.4	201.525	202.497	4.7	1.1	0.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	220.918	221.431	3.1	0.9	0.2	213.825	214.231	3.7	0.9	0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	229.869	231.020	3.6	0.7	0.5	224.557	225.281	3.9	0.6	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	231.980	-	-	-	-	231.291	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	199.686	-	-	-	-	190.115	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	197.079	-	-	-	-	199.407	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	136.293	-	-	-	-	135.826	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	204.166	4.8	0.7	-	-	203.473	5.2	0.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	202.378	2.2	1.1	-	-	197.670	2.6	0.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	187.585	3.5	0.7	-	-	185.904	3.7	0.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	219.082	5.3	0.8	-	-	216.971	5.5	0.7	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	220.935	3.7	0.9	-	-	220.718	3.6	0.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	219.612	2.8	0.5	-	-	214.913	2.9	0.3	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	221.728	4.7	1.3	-	-	216.332	5.1	1.1	-

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Note to CPI users:

This announcement details Consumer Price Indexes for two population groups: All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Both indexes reflect 1982-84 spending patterns. Monthly percent changes are shown for the U.S. and five large areas; bimonthly data are presented for the remaining areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the levels of prices among cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

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